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1. IN GIVING FURTHER THOUGHT TO ITEMS WE MIGHT INCLUDE IN SUPPLEMENTARY ASSISTANCE PACKAGE (PARA 5, REF A), TWO POSSIBLE PROJECTS HAVE COME TO MIND WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD MAKE CONSIDERABLE IMPACT HERE AT RELATIVELY LITTLE COST TO U.S. WE WOULD MOST APPRECIATE WASHINGTON EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF (A) HELPING TURKISH GENERAL STAFF TO REPAIR AND MAINTAIN TURKISH LINKS TO OUR TROPO-SCATTER COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND (B) PROVIDING GOT EXCESS AMMUNITION PRODUCTION MACHINERY. OUR SUGGESTIONS ARE SET FORTH BELOW.

2. TURKISH ARMED FORCES TIE INTO OUR TROPO-SCATTER SYSTEM AT NINE DIFFERENT LOCATIONS. AT SIX OF THESE LOCATIONS, U.S. AND TURKISH UNITS ARE CO-LOCATED, BASE CABLE DISTRIBUTION PLAN IS USED, AND THERE HAVE BEEN NO PROBLEMS. AT THREE LOCATIONS, HOWEVER, (ISTANBUL,

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GOCUK AND DIYARBAKIR) THERE ARE TURKISH TAILS WHICH

USE OLD AN/TRC-24 RADIO EQUIPMENT WHICH IS OFTEN INOPERATIVE. AS WAS MADE CLEAR AT FEBRUARY 6 NEGOTIATING SESSION (PARA 3, REF B) WITH MFA SEC GEN ELEKDAG, GOT IS CONCERNED OVER CONDITION OF THESE TAILS WHICH RESTRICT TURKISH ACCESS TO THE SYSTEM. WE RECOMMEND REPLACING THIS EQUIPMENT WITH MORE MODERN TRANSISTORIZED EQUIPMENT (SUCH AS MW-503 RADIO AND MC-50 MUX WHICH ARE USED BY U.S. UNITS IN TURKEY). THESE TURKISH TAILS IN FACT COMPRISE PART OF THE DCS TROPO-SCATTER SYSTEM AND WE WOULD HOPE THAT PURCHASE OF NEW EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION COSTS COULD BE ABSORBED BY O AND M BUDGET. WE WOULD MOST APPRECIATE WASHINGTON'S COMMENT.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT U.S. ARMY PROJECT TO MODERNIZE AMMUNITION PRODUCTION BASE WILL IN NEAR TIME FRAME REPLACE OUTMODED AMMUNITION PRODUCTION LINES AT 26 ARMY AMMUNITION PLANTS WITH MODERN AUTOMATED MACHINE LINES. WHILE THE EQUIPMENT BEING REPLACED IS SO OLD AS TO HAVE LITTLE PROBABLE VALUE EXCEPT AS SCRAP IN U.S. AND WESTERN EUROPE, WE UNDERSTAND IT IS CAPABLE OF HIGH VOLUME PRODUCTION, INCLUDING BASIC METAL PARTS, EXPLOSIVES AND PROPELLANTS MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT, AND LOAD AND ASSEMBLE AND PACK (LAP) LINES. BECAUSE OF THE POLITICAL EMPHASIS BEING PLACED ON INCREASING TURKEY'S DEFENSE INDUSTRIES AND LABOR INTENSIVE NATURE OF THIS EQUIPMENT DOES NOT RPT NOT POSE BIG PROBLEM HERE, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS MACHINERY, ALTHOUGH OBSOLETE OR IMPRACTICAL ELSEWHERE, WOULD HAVE CONSIDERABLE VALUE FOR TURKS. WE WOULD MOST APPRECIATE WASHINGTON'S VIEWS ON POSSIBILITY OF MAKING IT AVAILABLE TO GOT.
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